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Where are the greenest households in New South Wales?

The Northern Beaches Statistical Region (SR) recycled 99% of household waste, compared to 95% for all New South Wales (NSW) households in March 2003, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics today.

Northern Beaches SR also led the way in the re-use of household waste (98%), compared to any other region of the state (80% for all of NSW).

From Bourke to Bankstown and from Dubbo to Deniliquin, other highlights from *Regional Statistics New South Wales* include:

- In May 2003, the Canterbury-Bankstown SR had the fewest people (almost four-in-ten) with non-school qualifications in the Sydney Major Statistical Region (MSR), while the Lower Northern Sydney SR had the highest (seven-in-ten).
- Outside of Sydney, 45% of people in the Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs had non-school qualifications, compared to 48% of people in the Illawarra and South Eastern SRs in May 2003.
- In the Sydney MSR, the Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs had the lowest rate of household waste recycling (88%) in March 2003.
- In March 2003, outside of the Sydney MSR, more households recycled their waste in the Illawarra and South Eastern SRs (95%) than in the SRs of Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West (88%).
- Statewide, the household crime rate was lowest in the Central Northern Sydney SR (6%) in April 2003. At more than twice that rate, the highest household crime rate was in the Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs (14%).
- The Blacktown Local Government Area (LGA) had the greatest natural population increase in 2002 of 3,404 people. This increase was from 4,640 births and 1,236 deaths. In 2002, the Hastings LGA had the largest natural population decrease of 142 people (542 births and 684 deaths).
- In the Sydney Statistical Division (SD) \$1,200 million (m) worth of additions and alterations to residential building was approved, while in Far West SD, approvals totalled \$0.9m in 2002-03. Sydney SD had the greatest number of houses approved (10,675), while Far West SD had the fewest houses approved (36).

Further information is in **Regional Statistics New South Wales 2004** (cat. no. 1362.1).

Media Note: This publication includes information on labour force status, educational attainment, crime, population, births, deaths, building statistics, hotels and motels and local council finances

for different regions of NSW. It also features information on environmental issues, community preparedness for emergencies, and census data on dwelling structure and tenure type.

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